

5- Resolution on Long Island Becoming a Sanctuary Diocese

Whereas, Jesus preached "I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me", therefore, be it

Resolved, that the 151st Convention of the Diocese of Long Island urges congregations and institutions of the Diocese of Long Island to consider providing sanctuary to immigrants and migrants by serving as places of refuge, healing, and other forms of resource for those targeted by xenophobia, racism and discrimination and be it further

Resolved, that the 151st Convention of the Diocese of Long Island, as members of one of the most diverse Dioceses of the Episcopal Church with people of faith from various diasporas and diversities, pledges to support and aid unauthorized immigrants and migrants; and be it further

Resolved, that the 151st Convention of the Diocese of Long Island urges congregations to connect with other local, state-wide and national sanctuary communities, institutions, immigrant rights groups and coalitions, and engage in educating, organizing, advocacy, and direct action, and other methods as deemed appropriate in each context, to ensure the safety and security of the immigrant community; and be it further

Resolved, that the 151st Convention of the Diocese of Long Island urges The Bishop to form a Sanctuary Collective, a body which would serve as a central organizing group to formulate and implement the work necessary to facilitate the above listed actions and assist in equipping congregations, institutions, clergy, and lay leaders to engage in such work.

Submitted by,

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